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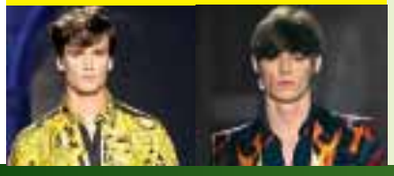

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Awesome. Rookies

▶ Young ballplayers, from left, Lionel Lazar, Jorian Buchanan and Erson Gashi enjoy their first day of baseball yesterday as part of the London Police Rookie League at Labatt Park.

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A youth league of their own

The London Police Rookie League consists of four teams of children from the ages of eight to 10, selected through a partnership with London Middlesex Housing Corp. — a non-profit organization that provides subsidized housing. **Story, page 4.**

Lights, camera, London

Shooting for new film is set for Aug. 2 through Labour Day Movie is about a missing teen, with a sci-fi twist

Toronto has long been dubbed Hollywood North, but that designation may have to travel a couple of hours west on the 401 if a University of Western Ontario alum has anything to say about it.

Robert McCallum has written and will direct a feature film scheduled to shoot in and around the London area this summer. The film-studies grad has stocked the cast and crew with native Londoners.

"London's got homegrown talent," McCallum said. "I've always believed that London could be as powerful in the arts as Toronto is."

Titled Unearthly, the film is about a former FBI agent searching for his daughter after she disappears in a Bermuda Triangle-like area.

"Where better to shoot a film that (takes) place in a lot of forest area than the Forest City?"
ROBERT MCCALLUM, WRITER AND DIRECTOR

Since this is his first feature, McCallum was looking for the comforts of his native city to make the filming process as smooth as possible. MIKE ARSENAULT

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Graffiti no match for this elbow grease

Removal program runs to Sept. 24 Team cleans graffiti off public and private buildings It's 90 per cent less likely to return if removed in 24 hours

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▶ Mayor Joe Fontana, front, removes graffiti yesterday with Tim Rogers, a member of Neighbourhood Watch London's annual Go Graffiti Go program.

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The defacement of private and public property with graffiti is an issue that can provoke strong opinions among citizens, businesses, city officials and law enforcement officers.

For the seventh consecutive summer, Neighbourhood Watch London is doing its part to eliminate graffiti or "tags" in the Forest City with its annual Go Graffiti Go program.

The graffiti-removal team held a kickoff cleaning yesterday morning at the Kiwanis Skate Park to remove messages plastered across the brick wall of the clubhouse.

Being proactive is the key to the program's success.

"The sooner we as London are able to clean (the graffiti) up, the less likely it's to be seen as a blank canvas," said Hope Clark, executive director of Neighbourhood Watch London. "If you keep getting rid of it, the taggers' work won't be seen and they'll become frustrated."

The removal team has lofty aspirations for its cleanup efforts this summer.

"Last year we cleaned just under 1,200 sites and we're hoping to do 1,500 this year," said Tim Rogers, a member of the team.

But what about the art aspect?

The old adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure" applies quite well to the art-versus graffiti debate. What one person deems a beautiful example of creative expression may be nothing more than an unfortunate eyesore to someone else. It's a tricky argument to navigate.

We asked Mayor Joe Fontana to weigh in:

"Profanity is not art — it's graffiti," he said. "It gets a little tougher when obviously one wants to start to debate whether or not (a piece) truly is art or truly is graffiti. That's unfortunately part of the difficult decision that our enforcement people have to make."

Fontana said consent is a key factor, regardless of whether what's been rendered is visually appealing.

"First and foremost, (people) need permission — you can't just go out and start painting," he said. "If the owner of the property says, 'I would like something done on my building' and (the artist and owner) agree to a concept, then it's something we have to take into account."

MIKE ARSENAULT

"We want to make sure everyone knows that we can take care of our city."
TIM ROGERS, A MEMBER OF THE GO GRAFFITI GO PROGRAM

Local man wins $3.8M jackpot

James Barber is London's newest millionaire after claiming a $3.8-million prize in a recent Lotto 6/49 draw.

Lotto officials say the winning numbers were drawn on May 18, but Barber didn't have a chance to check his ticket until June 1.

"When I finally checked the numbers online, I checked to be sure several times and then stored the ticket in a safety deposit box until I could go to the prize centre," said Barber.

He says he plans on sharing some winnings with his family, making a charitable donation, putting some money toward home renovations and buying opera tickets.

The winning ticket was bought at Mac's Convenience on Boler Road in London. AM980/AM980.CA

Man faces weapons charges

An ongoing dispute between neighbours has led to weapons charges against a London man.

On Tuesday at about 11 p.m., London police were called to 1367 Commissioners Rd. W.

Officers spoke to two females who reported having seen a man they knew hiding in some bushes and holding a rifle. As they ran from the area, they heard a gunshot behind them.

A .22-calibre air rifle and .22-calibre pellet were seized.

Alan Welsh, 59, is charged with possession of a weapon, pointing a firearm, use of an imitation firearm during the commission of an offence and assault with a weapon.

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Baseball league is 'awesome' for kids

- London Police Rookie League offers a five-week program for children
- Top two teams at end of the season will play off at Labatt Park

MIKE ARSENAULT/FOR METRO

▶ Cleveland Brownlee, London Majors outfielder and first baseman, teaches Grace Paola, 9, the proper way to hold a bat during the first practice for the London Police Rookie League yesterday at Labatt Park.

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Kids and baseball: It's a natural pairing. But participation in a London police program is helping give some kids more than just batting skills.

"They learn about baseball skills, but it's also about teaching them sportsmanship, teamwork and mentoring the kids," said Const. Theresa Allott, co-ordinator of the London Police Rookie League.

"We're lucky that the Majors took us on," she added, referring to the support provided by London Majors players who help to coach the kids.

Cleveland Brownlee, an outfielder and first baseman with the Majors, is happy to be involved.

"It's a pleasure. I love working with the kids," he said. "Whatever drills they want to cover or whatever they want to learn, I'm willing to come out and do it every day."

In its 18th year in London, the league gives children the opportunity to participate in organized baseball, free of charge. The coaches, volunteers and children got together for the first time yesterday morning at Labatt Park to get to know each other and start learning the basics of the sport.

Julius Cruickshank, 9, is thrilled to be involved in the league for the first time.

"This is awesome because I have wanted to play baseball since I was six," he said.

Grace Paola, also 9, is playing in the league for the first time. She said the "coaches are nice" and she is having "great fun."

Fun, after all, is what it's all about.

"The kids are really positive," Allott said. "They come here and have fun. And that's cool."

Play ball

- The league consists of four teams of children from the ages of eight to 10, who are selected through a partnership with London Middlesex Housing Corp., a non-profit organization that provides subsidized housing.

Move past eHealth: OMA

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"We have made significant progress with the electronic medical records ... but we have a lot more work to do."
DR. STEWART KENNEDY, PRESIDENT, ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Ontario's political parties should not let the eHealth scandal stop them from making electronic health records an election priority, the Ontario Medical Association said yesterday.

OMA president Dr. Stewart Kennedy expressed concern that none of the parties have made electronic records part of their platform, and doctors want to ensure there will be funds for the program in upcoming budgets.

EHealth was at the centre of a scandal that saw untendered contracts given to consultants with ties to the Liberals in 2009.

Government records show there are six million Ontarians who have access to electronic medical records, and that's expected to rise to nine million by 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STRUCK BY VEHICLE

Seniors succumb to injuries

An elderly husband and wife have died in hospital, one week after they were hit by a vehicle backing out of a driveway in the Hyde Park area of London.

Ron Frank, 85, and his wife, Bonnie, 80, were walking on a sidewalk on Staffordshire Road near Hyde Park and Sarnia Road when they were struck last Wednesday.

Both fell to the ground and suffered serious head injuries.

Police say the couple died in a London hospital on Tuesday.

A 29-year-old driver was initially charged with failing to yield. Police haven't said whether those charges will be upgraded.

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Charges in knife attack

A London man is accused of armed robbery after someone allegedly pulled a knife on a taxi driver.

Police say the driver was flagged down by two men near William and Pall Mall streets early Saturday. One of the men asked the driver to stop at Adelaide Street and Central Avenue. The man pulled a knife and held it against the driver's throat, demanding his money and warning him not to push the emergency button. He took the money and fled. The second male remained at the scene to assist the driver. There were no reported injuries.

Anthony Huff-Williams, 28, has been charged.

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Crash sends two to hospital

A motorcyclist was injured on Tuesday when he was hit by a vehicle pulling out of a driveway near Wellington and Roxburgh roads.

The vehicle was turning left onto Wellington when it struck the motorcycle coming south. The rider, a 43-year-old man, was taken to hospital with face fractures, lacerations to his eye, and scrapes and cuts.

The driver of the vehicle wasn't injured, but a passenger was transported to hospital with minor injuries. The collision is under investigation by police, and no charges have been laid.

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Pooch has dog-gone incredible journey

Black Lab travelled thousands of kilometres from Montreal to B.C. Tracking chip led to owners

A Montreal pooch who disappeared last year has miraculously turned up some 4,500 kilometres away in Kamloops, B.C.

The black Labrador named Pollux detests the rain, yet she took an adventurous turn upon fleeing through a gate mistakenly left open at her Montreal home last June 20.

Her owner, Isabelle Robitaille, said the family had searched high and low and given up hope they'd ever find the dog they had adopted from the SPCA in 2005.

Then last week, on Canada Day, they received a shocking phone call from the SPCA in Kamloops: a dog with a tracking chip containing her information had been found in B.C.

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▶ Pollux was missing for a year.

Photos sent by the shelter confirmed it, Robitaille said. Pollux was alive and well although a bit leaner than before. "They told me she was in excellent condition," Robitaille said.

But just how she got to B.C. remains a mystery.

On the day she disappeared from the family backyard, it had been raining, so Robitaille suspects she might have hopped into a freight train to avoid the rain.

Getting home won't nearly be as big an ordeal: Pollux will be flying home courtesy of SPCA International, who'll foot the bill.

"She's going to be nine this summer so she's going to be home for her birthday," Robitaille said.

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▶ South Koreans celebrate yesterday after Pyeongchang won the right to host the 2018 Winter Olympics. The city had been unsuccessful in two previous attempts to win the Games.

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South Korea to host Olympics

U.S. fears implanted bombs

The U.S. government has warned domestic and international airlines that some terrorists are considering surgically implanting explosives into humans to carry out attacks, The Associated Press has learned.

There is no intelligence pointing to a specific plot, but the U.S. shared its concerns last week with executives at domestic and international carriers.

People travelling to the U.S. from overseas may experience additional screening at airports because of the threat, according to the Transportation Security Administration.

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▶ Jonathan Murguia, manager at a Phoenix car dealership, cleans up after a the huge dust storm that hit the city Tuesday evening.

Massive wall of dust covers Phoenix

The air around the Phoenix area was a hazy shade of brown and a layer of dirt coated cars and buildings yesterday following a massive dust storm the night before.

The huge dust wall that crossed the metro Phoenix area Tuesday night drastically reduced visibility, halting all flights coming in and out of Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport until conditions improved.

Winds ripped up trees, tossed around lawn furniture and caused hazardous driving conditions.

The storm knocked out power to about 9,400 Salt River Project electric customers, The Arizona Republic reported.

The dust cloud that moved across the Phoenix valley had formed in an afternoon storm in the Tucson area, and then rolled north across the desert before sweeping over the city like an enormous wave, said National Weather Service meteorologist Paul Iniguez.

Radar data showed the storm's towering dust wall had reached as high as 3,000 metres, he said.

"This was pretty significant," Iniguez told The Associated Press. "We heard from a lot of people who lived here for a number of storms and this was the worst they'd seen."

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Families trek for days to find food

Worst drought in 60 years threatens millions Groups unite to raise funds for safe water, food

Thousands of families are walking for days in search of food in a triangle of hunger where the borders of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia meet.

Hundreds already have died in a widespread drought.

Images of children with skinny, malnourished bodies are commonplace.

A devastating lack of rain has reduced livestock, incomes and food supplies.

Thirsty livestock are dying by the thousands, and food prices have risen beyond what many families can afford.

Hawo Ibrahim said she and her seven children trekked for 15 days from a town in southern Somalia before reaching a refugee camp in northeast Kenya.

"We have seen misery and hunger on our way," said Ibrahim, 32, who said her husband went mad after the family lost its livestock to drought.

"The most painful thing was when you don't get anything for your thirsty and hungry children."

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Hunger triangle

- The epicentre of the drought lies on the three-way border shared by Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, a nomadic region where families heavily depend on the health of their livestock.
- Somalis desperate for food are overrunning the world's largest refugee camp in neighbouring Kenya, which is seeing some 10,000 new arrivals each week — six times the average.
- Many Somali children are arriving at refugee camps so weak that they are dying within 24 hours despite emergency care and feeding, a United Nations worker said.

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▶ Children from southern Somalia wait to go to refugee camps in Mogadishu. A looming catastrophe faces millions amid a severe drought.

'This isn't your grandma's royal visit'

Royal observers say Prince William and Kate are not only rekindling Canada's love affair with the monarchy.

They're impressing the world.

Nearly every aspect of their travels has been broadcast globally.

The tour has dominated newscasts across the United Kingdom, a marked departure from previous royal visits, which "are lucky to get 30 seconds on the evening news," said royal observer and historian Rafal Heydel-Mankoo.

Their hands-on approach has played a key role in the tour's success, Heydel-Mankoo said from London. "It's an injection of youth and vitality," he said.

Younger Canadians, also seem to have been won over by William and Kate, said Matthew Rowe of the Monarchist League of Canada.

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▶ William and Kate in Slave Lake, Alta., yesterday. They met families who lost everything in a wildfire.

An itinerary that has included dragon boat races, barbecues and even William flying a helicopter have helped boost the couple's popularity among young people, said Rowe.

"This isn't your grandma's royal visit," he said.

"It's not ship christenings and ribbon cuttings.

"They're doing really fun and interesting activities."

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A town's agony

- Prince William and Kate viewed first-hand yesterday damage from a fire that swept through Slave Lake, Alta.
- There were burned-out cars, blackened trees and the remains of homes.
- At one point during the walkabout, William reached down to examine the rubble, then studied the ash on his hands.

Sex prisoner tells of 'man with no remorse'

Romeo Cormier was convicted yesterday of abducting a New Brunswick woman and keeping her prisoner for almost a month and sexually assaulting her.

The 55-year-old woman — whose identity is protected by a publication ban — sat in the courtroom when the verdict was delivered, with her husband's arm around her.

Cormier is "just a man with no remorse," the woman said outside court.

"He thinks the world owes him something, and he thinks he can do what he wants and everybody has to cater to him. He thinks he's a somebody. He's just a mean person."

Following the jury's decision, Cormier smiled, looked toward the woman and gave her a thumbs-up before he was led out of the packed courtroom.

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Trapped for 18 days

Police say a Dutch tourist has been found alive 18 days after she fell into a hole while walking in southern Spain.

Mountaineers found Mary Anne Goossens, 48, caught among boulders outside the resort town of Nerja early yesterday.

She had some food when she set out walking. Water from a nearby spring also helped her survive.

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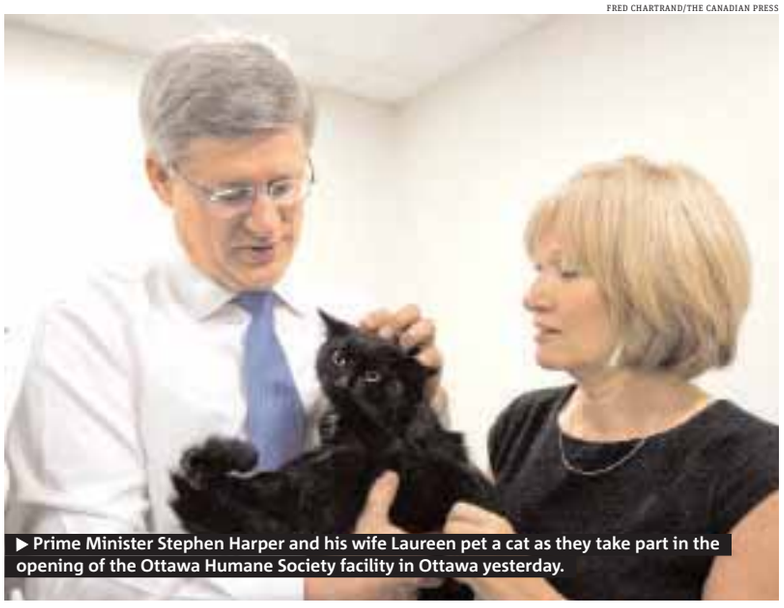

▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen pet a cat as they take part in the opening of the Ottawa Humane Society facility in Ottawa yesterday.

Harpers cosy up to Purr-fect photo op

Feline-loving Harpers help launch new animal facility

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Dubbed the "official cat lady of the country" by Ottawa's mayor, Laureen Harper helped unveil the new Ottawa Humane Society with her husband, daughter and Ottawa-West Nepean MP John Baird.

As a longtime supporter of the charitable organization, Mrs. Harper said she was thrilled to see the new 40,000-square-foot headquarters.

Two of her family's three cats — including their latest addition, Stanley — came from the old building, which was dark, overcrowded, and noticeably aging.

"Now we have a facility that's truly state-of-the-art, where animals can come from difficult circumstances, come get help, get back on their feet — or their paws — before being adopted in their forever families," said Mrs. Harper.

The Prime Minister and his family couldn't resist the purrs from the cat room — a space built for potential foster families to get to know the cats they might adopt. The Harpers, Baird, and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson each cuddled with a feline friend before seeing the rest of the building's furry pets.

The OHS said a family has already adopted the first pet from the new building, but it wasn't the Harpers — even though they're known to give cats that come into the OHS a temporary home at 24 Sussex.

The Harpers, however, went home empty-handed this time.

ARMY TRIAL

Doc could face death penalty

The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood rampage will be tried in a military court.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, 40, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shooting spree at the Texas Army post.

Hazan may face the death penalty, the commanding general for the Texas military post announced yesterday.

It was not clear when Hasan will be arraigned in a Fort Hood court and enter a plea.

Hasan was paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police the day of the rampage.

In cases where death is not an option, soldiers convicted of capital murder are automatically sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan to stress-test nuke plants

Japan said yesterday it will conduct stress tests on all the country's nuclear plants after this year's tsunami sparked the worst nuclear crisis since Chornobyl.

The March 11 crisis knocked out power at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. The plant operator is under criticism for failing to sufficiently prepare for the disasters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strauss-Kahn lawyers meet with prosecutors

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▶Former IMF head Dominique Strauss-Kahn, left, leaves his rented house escorted by security yesterday in New York.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn's lawyers and prosecutors met behind closed doors yesterday for what defence lawyers called a productive meeting, but there was no immediate word on what would happen to a sexual assault case that has foundered on doubts about the accuser's credibility.

The participants were tight-lipped following the roughly 90-minute, closed-door meeting, which came with the case at a sensitive stage, five days after prosecutors said the accuser hadn't been truthful about her background and the aftermath of the alleged attack.

The former International Monetary Fund leader's lawyers, Benjamin Brafman and William W. Taylor III, called the session with Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. and assistant prosecutors "constructive." Vance's office, meanwhile, would say only that it was continuing to investigate, and "no decisions have been made" about the case's future.

Such private meetings between prosecutors and defence attorneys aren't unusual, but the stakes in the Strauss-Kahn case are especially high.

The defence has said it wants an outright dismissal. Prosecutors must decide whether to forge ahead with a flawed case, seek a face-saving plea deal or cut their losses — a decision fraught with political peril for Vance.

Vance has faced criticism from columnists and commentators over his handling of the now-rocky case, though his office has said it did the appropriate thing at every stage. Some legal experts have said the case would be difficult, if not impossible, for prosecutors to win because the accuser's history of fabrications would make a jury reluctant to believe her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Twitter town hall draws thousands

- U.S. president is the first to use Twitter for town hall
- Obama defends his record on jobs and economy

U.S. President Barack Obama answered questions from Twitter users in a town hall meeting yesterday that focused on jobs and the economy.

White House officials say Obama sees social media as a way to interact with Americans directly, particularly the younger electorate.

Twitter selected the questions for the president from among tens of thousands of inquiries submitted. The first question asked Obama what mistakes he had made in handling the recession and what he would do differently.

Obama defended his stimulus program as "the right thing to do." But he allowed that his administration had underestimated the severity of the recession, and so he did not prepare the American people "for how long this was going to take." Obama also said the problems in the housing market were more stubborn than expected and he'd had to revamp his housing-assistance programs several times.

Twitter users had to keep their questions to the networking site's 140-character limit. But Obama had no such restrictions. He answered in his trademark, lengthy form to questions on college costs, immigration, collective bargaining rights, the debt limit, manufacturing jobs, the housing crisis and other topics.

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Skew you

Among the inquiries to U.S. President Barack Obama was one from Speaker John Boehner, Republican leader of the House of Representatives.

- "Where are the jobs?" Boehner asked.
- "This is a slightly skewed question," Obama replied.
- Obama went on to note that the U.S. economy is, in fact, creating jobs, though at a slow pace. He said there is more the government could do to boost the economy, but he hasn't always been able to get Republican support.

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William Smith
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@DrewHampshire: What mistakes have you made in handling this recession and what would you do differently?
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2 hours ago

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama sits with Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey as he answers questions during a Twitter town hall yesterday in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Tar-ponds class action given green light

A woman leading a case against the federal and provincial governments over Cape Breton's notorious tar ponds says her seven-year fight to have it approved as a class-action lawsuit has finally paid off.

Anne Ross praised a decision by a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge yesterday that gives the green light to a legal action launched after decades of contaminants spewed from the former Sydney Steel Corp. plant.

"It's wonderful," she said from Sydney, N.S., where she has lived in the same home for 51 years. "I'm ecstatic over it. It took a long time … but it's well worth the wait."

Ross, who launched the suit with three other lifelong residents of the area, is seeking compensation for property damage, exposure to industrial toxins and funds to establish a medical monitoring program.

Justice John Murphy said the lawsuit will include two groups: Current homeowners in Whitney Pier, Ashby and the north end of Sydney, as well as people who lived in the neighbourhoods for at least seven years between 1967 and 2000, when the plant was in operation.

The neighbourhoods border on the site of the steel plant, the former coke ovens and the tar ponds — an estuary full of contaminated runoff and sludge from the ovens.

Ray Wagner, who represents the plaintiffs, said the suit could include up to 20,000 people.

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Sudan split over oil rights

Southern Sudan is considering connecting its oil supply to an East African pipeline that would bypass Khartoum-run pipelines, an official said yesterday. Such a move could see relations between the north and south deteriorate even further as Southern Sudan prepares for independence.

Southern Sudan will secede from the north on Saturday, but some vital provisions of its split — such as oil rights and wealth-sharing — have not been settled. Last month, northern President Omar al-Bashir said he would block the south's access to the pipelines unless a favourable wealth-sharing agreement was reached.

The south accounts for more than three-quarters of Sudan's total oil output but relies on northern refineries and pipelines.

Southern roads and Transport Minister Anthony Lino Makana said his government has been meeting with petroleum companies interested in building a pipeline connecting the south's oil to ports in East Africa. He did not specify which companies had approached his government.

Makana said oil infrastructure in neighbouring Kenya will quickly allow the south to pump its oil through existing Kenyan pipelines.

He said that at a cost of "only a few million dollars," new pipelines will allow the south to "refine and pump petrol in the reverse," meaning not from south to north, as is currently done.

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▶ A Darfuri woman takes part in rehearsals yesterday for independence celebrations in Juba, Southern Sudan.

Barrel fight

- Oil is virtually the only moneymaker for the government of Southern Sudan. Sudan as a whole is the third-largest oil producer in sub-Saharan Africa, behind Nigeria and Angola, with exports of some 490,000 barrels a day.
- Analysts say that underdevelopment will continue to undermine the diversification of the southern economy. Last year, oil revenues accounted for nearly 98 per cent of the southern budget.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
- 22.2 (13,403.1)	- 0.26¢ (103.56¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
- 24¢ ($96.95 US)	$4.311 US (- 6¢)

Gold contract $1,529.20 US (+ 16.50)

NOT A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

There are two types of people in this world: People who like summer, and me.

After much consideration, I have decided to side with me.

Summer has its perks, sure — a box of Junior Mints left in the car transforms magically into one giant Junior Mint — but it's still the most overrated season. Its default No. 1 position bugs me: summer gets celebrated simply for arriving on the scene, the Miami Heat of Mother Nature.

Well, I'm here to speak truth to power: Summer is, at best, tied with winter for last place. So much of summer's warm reputation doesn't hold up in the cold light of day.

Take summer vacation, that idyllic childhood window filled with bee stings, bike crashes and, if you went with the full package, broken bones.

These are the best days of our lives?

"Even summer's most cited perk, the weather, is not all it's cracked up to be. On any given day there is bound to be a smog alert, a humidex warning, a UV warning ..."

The backyard playground alone was a death trap: A hard plastic swing, apparently coated with Pam, that caused every child to slip toward the ground face-first with the force of a robin into a bay window. This resulted in the official childhood Five-Alarm Cry: Stunned silence/siren wail/more silence/remembering to breathe/more wailing.

The slippery swing seat is baffling in retrospect, because the slide attached on the side was so non-slippery that nothing could go down it, including marbles. Kids didn't slide down it, so much as shimmy. Water might have gone down it, except the slide was made of metal and often got so hot that it would start emitting X-rays. "It's nice out, so don't play on the slide!" was a common parental warning.

Of course, now that I'm an adult I can see there's more to summer than just potential injuries — there's also potential death.

Between beach riptides, exploding barbecues and wildlife attacks, there is hardly a chance to contract West Nile.

Even summer's most cited perk, the weather, is not all it's cracked up to be. On any given day there is bound to be a smog alert, a humidex warning, a UV warning, a severe-thunderstorm watch, a tornado warning, a watch-for-warnings watch, a stolen-watch warning or a "special weather statement" that warns of some weather pattern you've never heard of before, like a "Manure Storm" or "Smulch."

All things considered, it's better to hibernate until winter. I recommend a stockpile of Junior Mints to see you through.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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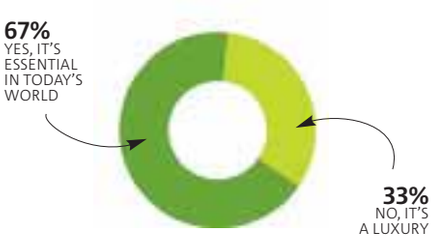

Local tweets

- **@camp-belljason23:** i'm not going to eat all day so i can stuff my face at #sunfest tomorrow!! @ACarreiro8 @RafAvila @abdallaal @jcarswell2 @apepsicola #ldnont
- **@shanesammut:** Enjoyed a great anniversary dinner with @MARLUjewelry, @idlewyldinn in #LdnOnt. Great atmosphere, food and service.
- **@kvdezigns:** Day: 6 of #CarFREE lifestyle & loving it. Went for an hour & a half walk last night. walk, bike or bus it #ldnont
- **@LeeMoneys:** pay goes in ... pay goes out ... *sigh* #ldnont, #broke
- **@GET_ENGAGED:** Thanks to the wonderful EMS in #Ldnont and the awesome ER staff at University Hospital! You are all angels!
- **@feliciadasilva1:** wish the market downtown was open a bit later! I want some nice fruit when I'm done work #ldnont
- **@MikeMarsman:** If you think bike infra in #ldnont isn't in need of improvement, please ride Wharncliffe from downtown to #UWO during rush hour. #deathtrap

Worth mentioning

LOS ANGELES. It began as a bright white dot in Saturn's northern hemisphere. Within days, the dot grew larger and stormier.

Soon, the tempest enveloped the ringed planet, triggering lightning flashes thousands of times more intense than on Earth.

The international Cassini spacecraft and ground telescopes have been tracking the turbulence since last December, visible from Earth as a type of storm known as a "Great White Spot."

"It's still going like crazy," said Cassini project scientist Linda Spilker of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Such planet-wide weather disturbances are rare on Saturn, where the atmosphere is typically hazy and calm. Since 1876, astronomers have observed only five other megastorms on Saturn.

At the height of the storm, Cassini detected 10 lightning strikes per second. Scientists said the electrical activity emitted by the bursts were 10,000 times stronger than lightning on Earth.

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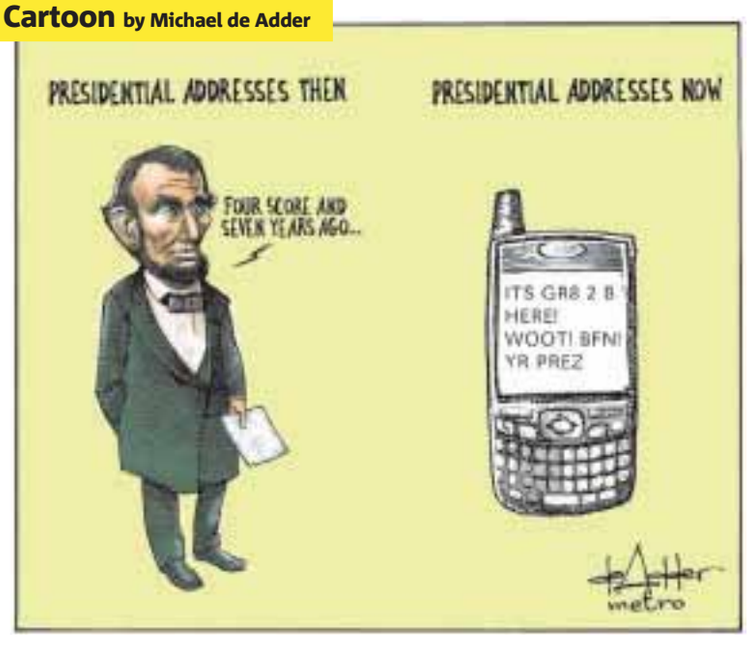
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES NOW
FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO...
ITS GR8 2 B HERE! WOOT! BFN! YR PREZ
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WEIRD NEWS

Now you see it, now you don't

Police are on the hunt for a man who walked into a San Francisco art gallery, grabbed a valuable pencil drawing by Pablo Picasso off the wall and then fled in a waiting taxicab.

Police said Tuesday the drawing, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, was taken from the Weinstein Gallery near Union Square.

The gallery said Picasso created the one-of-a-kind drawing titled Tete de Femme in 1965.

Officer Albie Esparza told the San Francisco Chronicle that police hope a member of the public might recognize the piece if someone attempts to sell it.

Other artists whose works are still on display at the gallery include Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali and Joan Miro.

Police described the suspect as a man in his 30s wearing loafers and dark glasses.

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Five Alarm Funk returns with their fire to Sunfest

Popular music, arts and culture event returns to London this weekend for another run out

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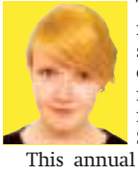

Thursday marks the start of one of London's favourite festivals: Sunfest.

This annual event celebrates world music, art and culture over four days in Victoria Park. From jazz to funk and folk to blues, performers at Sunfest frequently get audiences dancing.

One of the bands that got people moving last year returns to Sunfest: Vancouver-based band Five Alarm Funk will perform on Friday and Saturday.

Last year's performance that helped secure Five Alarm Funk a Galaxie Music Rising Star Award for its "genre-spanning, groove-straddling performances."

This year, the band plans to bring back all the energy, taking the stage as a headlining act.

"Our music appeals to people across age groups and the visual show allows us to draw a lot of different people in," says Five Alarm Funk guitarist Gabe Boothroyd.

The 12-piece ensemble, whose signature sound involves a mixture of Afrobeat rhythms and funk, is just one of more than 35 acts set to play Sunfest. Still, the boys of Five Alarm Funk are bound to stand out, if not for their musical skills, then for their stage antics and costumes.

"It important to engage people in what they're doing. I think that the stuff going on on stage is not a distraction from the music, but allows people to enjoy the music more," Boothroyd says. "The show is going to be an awesome dance party."

Other performers at this weekend's Sunfest include Jayme Stone, a Canadian banjoist with two Junos to his name. Stone will perform on Saturday and Sunday, taking audiences on a trip though the many histories and cultures of folk music. Montreal musician Wesli will also perform in the park, sharing his mix of reggae and roots music with festival-goers. Born in Haiti, Wesli's music speaks of peace and justice, and tells the stories of his homeland. He will be playing with the Wesli Band, a group of 11 musicians who blend rock music with reggae and groove.

Through the course of the weekend you're sure to find something that fits your musical mood: Columbian, Caribbean, Latin, jazz and blues will all be represented in the diverse and colourful lineup at Sunfest.

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▶ Five Alarm Funk

Other events

Back for the first time. The National Youth Orchestra is back at Western for July, 90 of the countries best young musicians rehearsing and performing at UWO regularly in the coming weeks. Tonight stop by von Kuster Hall in the Music Building at UWO for a free concert, or listen to NYOC music faculty perform on Friday evening at 9 p.m.

Anthem

Jordin Sparks sang for President Barack Obama this week, and now she'll perform it for baseball fans. The American Idol champ will sing the Star-Spangled Banner on July 12 at Major League Baseball's 82nd All-Star game.

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Can't stop won't stop

Conan O'Brien Can't Stop
Genre: Documentary
Director: Rodman Flender
Stars: Conan O'Brien, Andy Richter and Stephen Colbert
Rating:

This documentary about O'Brien's 32 city pity tour after being turfed as host of The Tonight Show could more rightly be called Multi Millionaires Just Wanna Have Fun.

The flame haired host repeatedly says he took his act on the road to have fun, but why doesn't he look like he's having any?

Wedged between rehearsal, onstage and candid backstage footage is a portrait of a wounded man struggling with a grave personal and professional disappointment.

It's like watching someone go through a bad breakup for 90 minutes, with musical numbers and the odd joke.

For all showbiz aficionados but primarily for Coco completests.

It starts airing in select cities this week.

RICHARD CROUSE

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▶ Conan O'Brien

Screenings

Conan O'Brien Can't Stop will screen in select Cineplex theatres on July 7. It can then be seen on July 8 in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, and on Aug. 12 in Edmonton.

SilverCity Polo Park Cinemas
817 St. James Street

Woody Allen, set to film movie in Rome, meets with city mayor

Anthony offered adult-film job

Controversial mother given chance to make 'transition'

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▶ Casey Anthony

We're going to hell for re-reporting this, but you're going to hell for reading it, so see you there. Hours after Casey Anthony, the Florida mother accused of murdering her two-year-old daughter, was found not guilty (in a controversial verdict), Steve Hirsch, the head of porn company Vivid Entertainment, called to offer her a job, reports TMZ.

"Whether you agree with the verdict or not, Casey will want to move forward with her life and has a right to make a living. It's not going to be easy for her and we believe we can help her make the transition into a new life," he told the site. Pure class.

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Domestic violence charge dropped against Lohan's dad

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▶ Michael Lohan

Prosecutors have dropped a misdemeanour domestic violence charge against Lindsay Lohan's father after his ex-girlfriend failed to show up at trial.

District attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said Tuesday the office will no longer pursue the case against Michael Lohan after his ex-girlfriend, Kate Major, could not be located.

The elder Lohan was arrested in March and has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanour domestic violence battery.

A trial was scheduled to begin Tuesday, but Gibbons said it could not proceed without Major's co-operation.

Michael Lohan's attorney, Dana Cole, says he worked out an agreement with Major so she wouldn't testify.

Cole says Major wasn't paid anything, and she declined to co-operate because she did not want a court spectacle.

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▶ Denise Richards

Denise Richards keeping fit at 40

Denise Richards is 40 years old, which is surprising because she acts 20 years younger.

Her secret to staying slim? "I am very active," she tells Self.com.

"I found what works for my body — everyone's body is different and I think it's best to find what works for you. For me it's Pilates and dance. My diet is 80 per cent vegetarian and I eat all day long. I have lots of little meals; it's best for me.

"My abs get the best workout with my Pilates reformer — I had two C-sections and it was the only thing I found that got my tummy flat."

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Lady A's leading lady gets engaged

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott is engaged.

The 25-year-old singer's boyfriend, Chris Tyrell, popped the question over the Fourth of July weekend at a family getaway in East Tennessee.

Scott and the 24-year-old drummer met while touring with Tim McGraw in early 2010. People first reported the engagement Tuesday.

Scott is the second member of Lady A to end her single ways. Charles Kelley is married, leaving Dave Haywood as the lone available member of the Grammy-winning trio.

Lady A turned in the top-selling country album of 2010 with Need You Now and is preparing to release its follow-up, Own The Night, due out Sept. 13.

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Hillary Scott

Celebrity tweets

@KimKardashian

WHAT!!??!! CASEY ANTHONY NOT GUILTY!!!! I'm speechless!!! .... Reading the comments here & its nuts people think just bc I was close to the OJ trial I can't have my own opinion on the Casey Anthony case?

@kaleycuoco

Nice justice system. I can't breathe. I can't think. I'm sick. God help us.

@TheRealRoseanne

miscarriage of justice ... our system is broken and it sucks – death penalty should be removed – that's why she got off ... victory for all child murderers! ... casey - you were so smart to hide the body in the swamp! You got away with killing your baby!

@biggsjason

I guess the glove didn't fit.

@rainnwilson

Dear Florida, THANK YOU for freeing Casey! She's now available for partying and babysitting!

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Men's pick

BRIGHT BELTS

Guys, loosen up – look-wise, that is. Put a little spring in your jeans-and-Tee combo by trying a colourful belt like this peppy style.

RICHARD PECKETT

ZARA
$30, zara.com

POLO RALPH LAUREN
$69, asos.com

Under starry summer night sky, Chanel's crystal-emblazoned skirt suits shine

The message from Milan and Paris for spring/summer 2012 is to lighten up and get in the swing of things ('60s style) Here's our breakdown of what was trending on the catwalks for the latest round of men's shows

Men on spring/summer trends

RICHARD PECKETT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Brights, prints and all things loud

If you're not one for colour, you'd best learn to love it as it's going to be all over the place come next spring. Burberry showed ikat prints, raffia bobble hats and cork-soled, woven moccasin shoes. A possible answer to Prada's insanely popular flatform shoe? Maybe. Givenchy had obviously read the print memo too. The house rolled with Hawaiian surfer chic. That means lush, tropical prints and yes, skirts.

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That '60s vibe

Get ready to start buying slimmer suits. It was back to the swinging '60s with designers taking inspiration from Carnaby Street and a young Michael Caine. Alexander McQueen went all Savile row meets rock 'n' roll with pyjama-style striped pants, a Mick Jagger-esque oversized dress shirt and even a flame print jacket. Conversely, Gucci went for slimmer silhouettes to suit the rakish,womanizer in Prince of Wales check and houndstooth – popular patterns at many shows including the avant-garde Comme des Garçons.

Peek-a-boo

If you're the type who likes to flash a bit of skin than the season's trend for transparent clothing might be for you. Giorgio Armani, Dolce & Gabbana and Maison Martin Margiela all teased with sheer and diaphanous knits. But of course, it was the Dolce & Gabbana duo that took it a step further with a nod to Sicilian fishing heritage. Sounds quaint but boy will it take some ballsy blokes to pull it off! The look: Mesh netting worn over sweaters.

Sporting Olympic chic

Olympic tickets may be hard to come by, but there's no shortage of sporty references in the collections. Calvin Klein looked to '80s athletic wear while Vivienne Westwood parodied the games with Olympic orb tees.

Keeping cool in summer

Don't underestimate a ceiling fan when it comes to surviving the dog days of July and August

ISTOCK IMAGES

▶ Fall asleep under a gentle breeze on a hot summer's night.

DIY IDEAS

It may feel nice to keep the AC on full blast from now until September, but when you do that, you're running your energy costs sky-high and not doing Mother Nature any favours.

We spoke with Taniya Nayak, host of HGTV's House Hunters on Vacation, who offered some better tips for beating the summer heat.

Paint zen colours

"The light, more powdery pastel colours are very cooling and soothing. You could even go tan as long as it's like a grayish-taupy tan."

Pick the right shades

"If you're going to do window treatments, you could just add white window shades. They're white so they'll reflect the light off. Cellular shades or honeycomb shades are awesome too because they almost trap the heat in the cellular compartments of the shade. They're a little more expensive, but I think if you're living in a house for a long time it would be a good investment to make."

Replace your rugs

"If you have a heavy carpet, a really inexpensive solution is to pick up one of those natural fibre jute rugs. They're almost very nautical in a sense so it gives you that sense of coolness. It makes you feel like you're on the beach."

Switch out your light bulbs

"Most people have incandescent bulbs but they burn a lot of energy, so you could swap them out for a more energy-efficient fluorescent bulb."

Work with nature

"If you plant trees on the south or west sides of your house, it'll keep it cooler in the summer but it'll actually keep it warmer in the winters because the sun sets and rises on the opposite side in the winter."

Stay away during mid-day

"Sometimes it's a better idea to shower in the morning or at night and not in middle of the day; same thing with doing dishes, washing and drying your clothes, cooking — all that stuff can help reduce heat in the house. You're just trying to avoid that midday heat — that's when it's the worst."

Think long-term

"If you're going to live there for awhile it might be worth [adding] insulation to your attic. You could go up to like 12 inches of insulation and it'll dramatically reduce the heat that's in your house."

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LET THE SUN IN

CHARLES THE BUTLER

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With summer finally here — I want to let the sunshine in! What's the best way to clean filthy windows outside?
Betty, Edmonton

Dear Betty:

First, you should remove any excess dirt and grime from the windows.

Do this with a watering hose or a pail filled with lots of fresh clean water and a capful of dish soap.

Once you have removed the surface dirt you are ready to clean the windows to a streak-free shine.

Here are several options to consider:

1. A good commercial cleaner (with ammonia) and newspaper does a wonderful job.

2. A solution of 50 per cent water and 50 per cent vinegar is great.

Spray this onto the window and then use either newspaper or a microfiber cloth to wipe the window dry, thus avoiding streaks.

3. A pail full of warm, clean water with a capful of dish soap will also do the job. Use a sponge to wash the window and then use a squeegee to leave the glass crystal clean.

Question:
My husband managed to stain his best shorts with pen ink. How do I get out the stain?
Laura, Victoria

Hello Laura:

Good news — this is a relatively easy stain to remove. Pour a few capfuls of pure rubbing alcohol into a little dish.

Now, dip a clean cotton swab into the alcohol and slowly and gently rub it onto the ink stain.

As the cotton swab starts to absorb the ink, change it for a clean one. Remember: be patient.

Non-removable ink stains will not come out, and please do test the fabric with the alcohol in a hidden area before you start working on the stain.

HAVE AN ETIQUETTE OR HOUSEKEEPING QUESTION? EMAIL ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA

▶ You can still do spring cleaning in the summer.

Kitchen talk with Canada's Top Chef

Dale MacKay, the official winner of Top Chef Canada and owner of Vancouver's modern French restaurant Ensemble (and protégé of chef Gordon Ramsay), chops it up with Metro.

What's the one ingredient you must have in your kitchen at all times?
Spices are probably one of the most important ingredients that I use. I have a love for them all, but kaffir lime is something that I use a lot of.

What food do you feel is the most underrated?
Brussel sprouts. Often people just boil them and it's just not very tasty. But when you roast and cook them with bacon and other things, they're one of the most delicious veggies.

What is your guilty pleasure or comfort food?
Barbecue. All types of barbecue — pulled pork, ribs, flank, you know.

What's been your biggest kitchen disaster?
My most recent kitchen disaster was when my hot water tank burst in my restaurant. We had to shut down for 10 days.

What's the worst meal you ever made?
I cooked for my ex-girlfriend's family in Poland and it wasn't very nice. I tried to make an eggplant purée with white fish and some Polish potatoes and stuff. It just didn't go over well.

If you could go toe-to-toe with a chef, who would it be?
I'd like to go toe-to-toe with any chef. But I'd say Gordon Ramsay. I worked for him so it'd be hilarious to try to beat the master.

PHOEBE HO FOR METRO

Of grilled shrimp & spicy prawn summer dishes

Fresh mango salsa and grilled shrimp skewers dress up spaghetti for the warm summer weather

▶ This dish will serve six.

This summery pasta dish infused with Latin American flavours is a delightful option to serve and it is easy on the budget.

The recipe is also packed with healthy antioxidant and nutrient-rich ingredients such as mango and red pepper.

Removing the seeds from the jalapeno peppers takes away much of the heat. You can adjust the amount of jalapeno used to your taste. When working with jalapeños, ensure you wash you hands before touching your eyes.

If desired, replace shrimp with grilled skewers of boneless, skinless chicken breast.

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Preparation:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high heat.
2. In a small bowl, whisk lime juice with oil, lime zest, honey and garlic. In a separate bowl, toss shrimp with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the dressing. Let stand for 10 minutes. Thread shrimp onto 6 large wooden skewers that have been soaked in water to minimize flare ups.
3. Meanwhile, place remaining dressing mix and one mango in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse until finely chopped. Add remaining mango, red peppers, onion, jalapeños, salt and pepper; pulse until coarsely chopped.
4. Prepare spaghetti according to package directions; drain well. Grill shrimp skewers for 3 minutes per side or until pink all over. Toss hot spaghetti with mango salsa mix and coriander. Garnish each portion with a shrimp skewer.

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Ingredients:

- 1 box (375 g) whole-grain spaghetti
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) lime juice
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) canola oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) each finely grated lime zest and honey
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 g (1 lb) peeled, uncooked large shrimp
- 2 ripe mangoes, peeled, chopped and divided
- 2 red peppers, chopped
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) chopped red onion
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each salt and pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) coarsely chopped fresh coriander

Delight summer party guests with these spicy prawn appetizers, which are gluten free

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▶ This recipe makes 10 servings, two pieces each.

This delightful gluten-free appetizer will whet your guests' appetites during summer entertainment occasions.

The creamy avocado is a cool complement to the spicy prawns and the crunchy texture of the rice crackers.

Preparation:

1. In a sauté pan over medium-high heat, add olive oil and prawns. Cook for 2 to 4 minutes per side until shrimp turn orange-red and opaque. Add chili garlic paste and stir to coat, continuing to cook for 30 seconds. Remove from heat and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, combine cilantro, avocados, green onion, lemon juice and zest. Top each cracker with 5 ml (1 tsp) avocado spread and 1 prawn. Garnish with cilantro leaf.
3. Serve immediately..

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 20 large prawns, shelled
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chili garlic paste
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 avocados, finely diced
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 1 lemon (juice and zest)
- 20 sesame crackers
- 20 cilantro leaves

Tour de France. Fifth stage

▶ A farmer watches the packs pass by near Plougonver, during the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race yesterday. British speedster Mark Cavendish won the windy and crash-marred stage in a mass sprint, as Thor Hushovd of Norway kept the leader's yellow jersey.

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Clemens perjury trial opens

Judge raps U.S. Congress for withholding an audiotape of former pitcher's deposition

Roger Clemens' perjury trial opened yesterday with both sides raising the prospect of calling a roster of former baseball stars as witnesses and the judge angrily criticizing Congress for withholding an audiotape of Clemens' deposition at the heart of the case.

Clemens is accused of lying under oath to the House Government Reform Committee in 2008 when he denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs during his record-setting career as a major league pitcher. The trial began with an intensive jury selection process expected to last into next week.

Prosecutors and the defence read the panel a list of people who may be called as witnesses or mentioned at the trial that included some of the biggest names in baseball, including those who have been at the centre of the steroid scandal such as Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Jose Canseco. The list also included baseball commissioner Bud Selig, New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman, former Yankees manager Joe Torre, former players union director Donald Fehr, and several other officials and teammates from the four major league teams Clemens played for.

Jurors were asked about their knowledge of those figures as well as their feelings about the case, baseball, Congress and the law. They were asked whether they played organized sports, read sports news or were baseball fans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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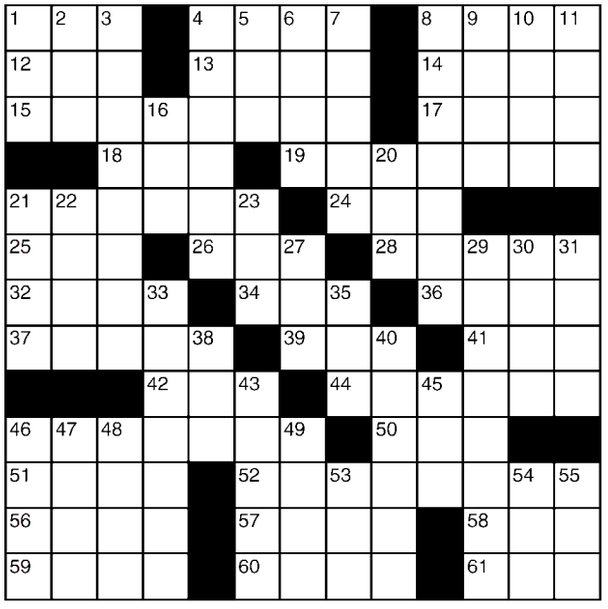

Across

1 Feds' org.
4 Cheese in a mouse-trap
8 — mater
12 Romaine
13 Loosen
14 Shakespeare's king
15 Kitchen strainer
17 Movie pal of Stitch
18 Charlie Brown : "Good grief" :: Cathy : —
19 Defendant
21 Cold spell
24 Scuttle
25 Conclude
26 Carpet
28 Crystal-lined rock
32 — out (supplemented)
34 Do lawn work
36 Phony coin
37 Heat-resistant glass
39 Father
41 Ike's command
42 Round Table address
44 Settles a debt
46 Genus sub-group
50 Chignon
51 Broad
52 Waste
56 Related
57 Rock band's gear
58 Comic Philips
59 Require
60 Sommelier's suggestion
61 Massage

Down

1 Radio watchdog grp.
2 Greet the villain
3 Crusoe, e.g.
4 Sand trap
5 Moreover
6 Concept
7 Liberty's prop
8 Refers (to)
9 Luau wreaths
10 Guy
11 Yankee nickname
16 Performance
20 Gear tooth
21 Cry
22 Black
23 Pirates' potation
27 Deity
29 Ornamental dogbane
30 Responsibility
31 Hollywood clashers
33 Drop
35 Sherman called it "hell"
38 Noon, in a way
40 Adulterate
43 Cut smaller boards
45 Piece of wordplay
46 Graceful bird
47 Toll road, for short
48 Adams or Falco
49 640 acres (Abbr.)
53 Bygone TV channel
54 Flightless bird
55 Plagiarize

▶ Yesterday's answer

B	O	B		S	C	U	D		S	W	A	B		
A	L	E		E	E	R	O		H	O	H	O		
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D	R	A	B		A	L	L	T	H	E	R	E		
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Sudoku

	8	1	4			3		
	2			9		4		
	4		6		3			
			5				6	
3			2		1			9
	9				4			
			7		5		3	
		8		2			4	
		6			8	9	7	

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	2	3	5	9	8	6	7	4
6	7	5	4	1	3	2	9	8
8	9	4	2	7	6	3	5	1
5	3	1	7	6	4	9	8	2
9	6	7	1	8	2	4	3	5
2	4	8	3	5	9	7	1	6
4	5	2	8	3	7	1	6	9
3	8	9	6	4	1	5	2	7
7	1	6	9	2	5	8	4	3

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
No matter what others may want you to do, don't force it if you are not in the mood for socializing.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Something will inspire or upset you to such an extent that you have to do something about it. Tread carefully.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If others react with shock and surprise at what you do today, they only have themselves to blame.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make allowances for those who can't get themselves out of a rut.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Why are you comparing yourself to people who are on a higher rung of the ladder? You've come a long way.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Can you be sure that what others are telling you is the truth? Make sure you do your own research.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today's Jupiter-Pluto link will encourage you to be pushy in your ambitions.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't take what happens today too seriously. In the greater scheme of things, it's of little importance.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 What happens today will remind you that fear is a negative emotion and serves no useful purpose.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What happens today will delight you. Don't fight the future.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Remind yourself what your number one goal is — then get back on the path that will take you to it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Someone's been keeping things from you but you haven't been betrayed. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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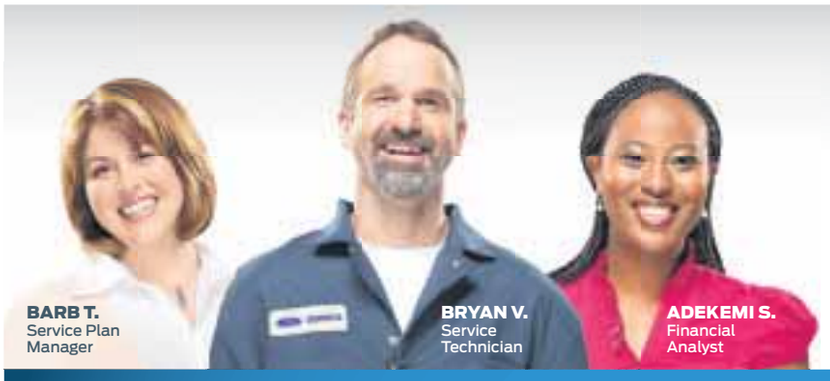

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